

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application contains claims 6 and 15-33. Claims 26-28, 31 and 32 have been amended to independent form, incorporating all of the limitations of claim 25.

It is noted that the last official action is a non-final action and the examiner has set a three-month response period set to expire September 15, 2006. It is submitted that this amendment has been timely filed.

Making further reference to the Office Action Summary, it is noted that claims 15-24 and 33 have been allowed and claims 26-32 have been indicated as being allowable.

It is further noted that the drawings filed February 5, 2005 have been accepted and that the convention priority claim and receipt of the certified copies of the priority claim have been acknowledged.

It is noted that claims 6 and 25 have been rejected based on the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection as set forth below.

Responsive to the double patenting rejection, applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, together with the requisite fee and therefore submits that this rejection should be withdrawn.

Allowable claims 26-28, 31 and 32 have been rewritten in independent form and it is submitted that these claims should be allowed and passed to issue together

with claims 6, 15-24 and 33. Since claims 29 and 30 depend from claim 28, which is now in independent form, these claims should also be passed to issue.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 6 and 15-33 are should be allowed and passed to issue.

Conclusion

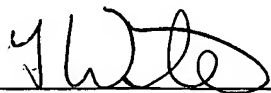
If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 6 and 15-33, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Favorable action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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